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## Response to Applicants' Election of Claims

1. Claims 1, 2, 11-27, and 36-52 are pending. Group II, Claims 51 and 52 have been have been elected with traverse in response to the election/restriction requirement filed 11/02/05.

The amendment filed 11/02/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicants' reply does not comply because it does not have a listing of claims that list the claims in Group I that were not elected as "withdrawn" or "cancelled". Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, Applicants' are given a time period of **ONE** (1) **MONTH OR THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

This action is **NON-FINAL**. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday, 6:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 571-272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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